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WET OR DRY, WHICH?

As the Kicker is being published the voters of the county are voting "yes" and "no" on the question of whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be licensed.

The result is in doubt and the wise ones hesitate to venture a prediction as to the outcome. Indications are that Sylvania township will vote wet by a small majority; Moreland and Tywapike will go dry by small majorities; Richland and Commerce are in doubt; Sandyland and Morley will go largely dry, and Kelso will go very largely wet.

As the Kicker figures it, the vote outside of Kelso, Morley and Sandyland townships will be about a stand-off. Kelso township has nearly as many voters as Morley and Sandyland combined. Kelso is wet while Morley and Sandyland are dry. As the Kicker sees it, the result depends on which side can roll up the majority in these townships.

The campaign has been very quiet and the bad feeling that usually develops in such contests is not in evidence. The farmers seem rather indifferent and it may be that many will not vote.

THE BIG TWINS.

How long will the people permit themselves to continue to be fooled by the leaders of the two dominant political parties that are as much alike as black-eyed peas? Both draw their campaign funds from the same source, and neither will permit the enactment of any legislation that is of material benefit to the people.

"The old party leaders can take sides on any question—any old question they are willing to make the paramount issue," says Ohio Liberty Bell. "They steer clear of the money question, although not a session of Congress passes but some action on money matters is taken. To divert the attention of the people the President has thrown out the bone marked railroads. The people eagerly know on it; to some it tastes like railroad control; to others like railroad regulation; you remember how the two parties split on the Philippine question, one said freedom as soon as they are competent, the other said **TELL** them that their freedom will be given them as soon as they are competent to govern themselves."

But the tariff is their favorite "paramount issue." On this the politicians can talk longer without saying anything than on any other question—unless it is imperialism or the trusts. The Republican favors a tariff for protection. The Democrat favors a tariff for revenue. In either case the tariff-protected industries fix the schedule and the people pay it. Oh, but we're smart!

ROLLA WELLS AGAIN.

For the second time the St. Louis machine that calls itself the Democratic party of that city has nominated a man for mayor who voted the straight Republican ticket prior to his nomination in 1901.

Not only is there the objection that he is not a Democrat, but he was stuffed into office by the most fraudulent election ever held in St. Louis—and for this we have Mr. Wells' own sworn statement.

And he will again be stuffed into office. Investigation in one Ward—the Fourth—of St. Louis, reveals that there are 3,608 names fraudulently registered. The method by which this fraudulent registration was revealed is simple, but effective and convincing. Letters were addressed to the names and addressed given on the registration list. Of these there were 2,608 returned by the postmen marked, "No such person found at this address."

It is reported that Governor Folk will go down to St. Louis and make speeches for the Hawes-Wells-Frankis ticket. If he does there will be a whole lot of his supporters wonder why.

IT IS PROBABLY TRUE.

Dolly Morley says he did not criticize the Supreme Court but defended it when that court held that Page and other supposed bootleggers had the right to hide behind the constitution.

I reckon he is right about it. Dolly is a lawyer, and it is the first duty of a lawyer (after he has fixed the judge, the jury and the witnesses) to pump it into the people that it is high treason to question the verdict. And then Dolly has quite an extensive law practice over in Stoddard, and probably had several cases before the Supreme Court at the time referred to. In that case it would have been hazardous to criticize the court!

And then Supreme Court judges are themselves lawyers, and how could a lawyer go wrong—judged from a lawyer's point of view? Kicks off to the jury!

IT IS COMING.

The government ownership of railroads is sure to come. It will be an issue in the next national campaign and neither the Democratic nor the Republican party will ignore it. Of course one of these parties will straddle around it by favoring government ownership at such a time when it is considered "safe and prudent," and the other will straddle around it by favoring government ownership "at the earliest possible moment consistent with good government."

If the one side wins it will never be considered "safe and prudent," and if the other side wins the time will never come when it is "consistent with good government." In this way the people will be bumped about for an election or two as they have been on the tariff and other "paramount issues," and then they will probably see the hopelessness of expecting anything from the two trust managed parties and go it alone.

The people have built and paid for every railroad in the United States. If they did not, then who did? Not only have they built and paid for the railroads, but they are paying the millions of interest annually on the railroad bonds and inflated, watered stocks—as well as for the free rides of their president, senators, congressmen, governors, attorney-generals, all other public officials, newspapermen, political rooters and everybody else of influence who might interfere with the "vested rights" of the railroad grafters.

J. A. Wayland, of the Appeal to Reason, writes: "I notice that the Santa Fe railroad has just issued \$20,000,000 in bonds to buy up more railroads. The railroad bonds of the nation foot up the incomprehensible total of \$7,000,000,000, on which the interest averages nearly 5 per cent. The people pay this interest just the same as if they had borrowed the money and built the railroads. And they could borrow money at 3 per cent interest. The people are told that it would bankrupt the nation to buy the railroads. But they are paying twice as much interest as if they had borrowed the money themselves at 3 per cent and built or bought them—and then they have to pay interest on all the watered stock besides."

"All the railroads in the nation could be built in better condition than they are for less than the outstanding bonds of the roads. The people are permitting the railroad managers to borrow all the money they can, and the people pay the interest in the extra cost of rates and have nothing to say about the management. The people are so wise! Think they are not in debt because they have not borrowed the money themselves! But when they have to pay the interest on the money the other fellows borrow, I don't see why they are not in debt for the roads just the same. And as it is, they can never get out of debt."

TROUBLE AHEAD.

There seems to be trouble ahead for some of Missouri's law-makers. The breeder's law is the cause of it all. Friday Judge Martin, of the Cole County Circuit Court, ordered a special grand jury for the purpose of investigating charges of bribery in connection with the breeder's law repeal bill.

This action means something, since it was taken after Attorney-General Hadley and Prosecuting Attorney Welch had laid evidence before Judge Martin which he deemed important—and after Governor Folk had consulted with the attorney general.

Maybe it will be possible to discover some more \$1,000 bills.

While the Missouri legislature didn't do much, it did better than any legislature in recent years. Among other things, it repealed the pure food law and the infamous breeders law. A bill reducing railroad freight rates was also passed but the railroad attorneys say they can beat it in the Supreme Court. Of course!

During political campaigns the lawyers, job holders and their rooters are very free with their advice to voters and never miss an opportunity to impress the necessity of "sticking to the party." But the local option question is not a party measure and so the lawyers and politicians coked up their jug of free advice.

News dispatches from Washington say that President Roosevelt gave 100 acres of land to an Ohio couple who had twelve children. The president will now be surprised to learn of how many other couples in the nation have twelve or more children and will be expected to give to each a farm.

The anti-bribery bill was again killed by the senate Tuesday.

THE SOUTHEAST.

If a man wants to get drunk and make a hog out of himself that's his business, so long as he don't interfere with others, but when he insists on making a hog-pen out of his own place of business and that of his neighbor, it's more than his neighbor will put up with. To be entirely plain, the crowd of booze-fighters who managed some way to get into the Courier office last Sunday had better not repeat it unless they are looking for trouble.—Bloomfield Courier.

Samuel Adams, marshal of Anis-ton, Mississippi county, in attempting to disarm and arrest Otis Friar and Thomas Doughty last Monday night, shot and killed Friar and per-haps fatally wounded Doughty. Both were drinking and noisy and had had a quarrel with a merchant of the town earlier in the evening. The coroner's jury failed to justify the officer and his bond was fixed at \$1,000.

John Carmack, of New Madrid, who some two years ago sold a pair of stolen mules to John D. Shelby, of this city, was captured at Jonesboro, Ill., by Deputy Sheriff Paris Tuesday and brought to this city and lodged in jail to await trial. Carmack has just finished serving a two years' sentence in the Illinois penitentiary.—Charleston Star.

The new Houck line of railroad has been located from Perryville to a point within eight miles of Farmington. It is thirteen miles from the same point to Fredericktown. This looks like it ought to be a question of treating Mr. Houck fairly by the people of this city to get him to come here instead of going to Fredericktown.—Farmington Eagle.

We understand a gentleman from Chicago has been looking over our town with a view to starting a department store here. Rolla is a good point for any sort of business but what we need most now is a manufacturing business. We have the best location for a large city between St. Louis and Springfield. All we need is capital and push.—Rolla Sharp-Shooter.

John Hunter, the banker, of Morley, while trying to board the train for his home this afternoon mislaid his footing and fell and cut his head in two places. One cut is two inches in length and the other about one inch. He was taken to Dr. Patton's office where the doctor sewed up the cuts and says he is not badly hurt.—Cape Democrat.

Sheriff D. J. Conrad and Deputy Eli J. Deck arrested John Knuckles at Lutesville Saturday night and placed him in jail for the Cape county authorities. The deputy sheriff came over after him Sunday. He was wanted for disturbing the peace.—Marble Hill Press.

If the district has the funds, those mudholes just outside of town, on Jackson and Perryville roads, ought to be filled with gravel, and if the district is "broke," push the hat. Those mudholes right here in sight of town are a bloomin', muddy shame.—Marble Hill Press.

Paxico Index.—The Frisco has a work train, a steam-shovel and a large extra gang at work on the tunnel between here and Williamsville. The Hunter branch is to be re-laid with heavy steel and thoroughly equipped throughout.

Mrs. Lizzie Pruitt, of Advance, has announced as a candidate for school commissioner of Stoddard county and the Bloomfield Courier assures its readers of her ability to discharge the duties should she be the choice of the people to the office.

The Fredericktown Trust Company, which was considering the advisability of moving from Fredericktown to St. Louis, has concluded to remain in Fredericktown for the present.

Senator Furris, of this district, voted against the repeal of the infamous breeder's law. So far as the Kicker is able to discover, the people of this district gained nothing by substituting Farris for Marshall. The law was repealed, however, by a vote of 18 to 13.

Representative Wansley introduced a bill to tax cats. A law ought to be passed to send fools to the insane asylum instead of the Missouri legislature.

FROM BENTON.

John Gurth, who has returned from the Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill., was a caller at the Kicker office Wednesday. He says the Home is no place for a man who has been raised in the woods and will stay among his children here. He is 78 years old, reads and writes without glasses, has an active mind and gets about well for one of his years.

There isn't anybody quite so proud in Scott county just now as Dr. and Mrs. Barnett of Dickson. In an oratorical contest at the Cape Girardeau Normal School last week their daughter, Miss Jean, walked off with

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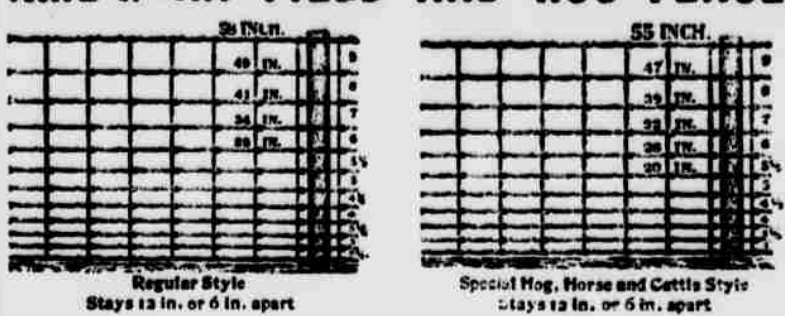
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5 lbs. Banner Oatmeal at 20c
4 Cans Corn for.....25c
12 Bars Mascot Soap for 25c
8 Bars German Family Soap for.....25c
Star Tobacco, per lb.....40c
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10-qt. Tin Buckets go at 15c
2-qt. Tin Buckets go at 5c
Pitcher Pumps go at \$1.15
14-qt. Dish Pans go at 20c
17-qt. Dish Pans go at 25c
8-qt. Covered Buckets go 10c
Covered Buckets go.....15c
A lot of Red Sticks go.....\$2.00

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Boys' Nobby Suits, worth \$2, my price, \$1.50
Boys' Nobby Suits, worth \$2.50, my price 1.75
Boys' Nobby Suits, worth \$3, my price 2.00
Young Men Suits, worth \$8.50, my price 5.00
12 doz. Men's Pants, worth 75c, my price .50
5 doz. Men's Pants, worth \$1.35, my price .90
5 doz. Men's Pants, worth \$2 to \$2.25, my price 1.75

Dry Goods.

All Best Calico, goes at.....5c
A Good, Fast-Color Calico, goes at.....35c
Oil Cloth, goes at.....15c
Good LL Sheet, goes at.....45c
200 yards LL Sheet, goes at.....35c
Sheeting, regular 10c goods, goes at.....75c
Pearl Buttons, per doz.....25c
Pins, per pack.....1c
Hooks and Eyes, per card.....3c
Regular 75c and \$1 Shirts, go at.....50c
6 Spools Coats' Thread, for.....25c

Shoes for Everybody.

5 doz. Men's regular \$1.50 Shoes, go at \$1.00
5 doz. Men's reg. \$1.75 & \$2 Shoes, go at \$1.25
12 doz. Men's reg. \$1.75 & \$2.25 Shoes go at.....1.50
5 doz. Ladies' \$1.50 Shoes, go at.....\$1.00
5 doz. Ladies' \$1.75 to \$2 Shoes, go at 1.25
3 doz. Ladies' \$2 to \$2.50 Shoes, go at 1.75
3 doz. Ladies' \$2.50 to \$3 Shoes, go at 2.00

The above prices only illustrate how all goods will be sold Saturday and Monday, March 18-20. No old stock. Everything New!

BAUDENDISTEL

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FORN FELT, (FORMERLY EDNA) MO.

the gold medal. Her subject was "The Russia of Today."

J. C. Farmer, of Little River, and Wm. Canham, of Commerce, were here Thursday. Mr. Canham has just returned from a stock trip to St. Louis. Mr. Farmer will move to Boynton, Ark., next week. Scott county can ill afford to lose such citizens as Mr. Farmer.

Friday evening a barn belonging to Anton Legrand, west of town, was destroyed by fire—altogether with 500 bales of hay, a water wagon and tarpaulin. There was no insurance except \$100 on the barn by the Home Insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Owing to gross carelessness, two prisoners—Sport Johnson, a negro charged with the murder of Henry Wood, colored, at Edna, and John Middleton, charged with arson—escaped from the Benton jail Friday morning. But the sheriff is still here.

Dr. Freeling sold the 200-acre farm known as the O'Connor place, near Hickory Grove, to Claude B. Hayes for \$5,500. He also traded 80 acres in section 22 to Bud Wright for hotel property in Grayboro.

J. C. Goza and J. D. Brown of Vanduser, and William Black and Charles Mason of Morley, were here Monday, and Harry DeWint, of Commerce, and Wm. Bray of Morley were here Wednesday.

P. E. Gonoway, of Fredericktown, was here Wednesday in the interest of the T. B. H.

Business Locals.

Ladies! Mrs. Leslie, of Morley has returned from St. Louis with an up-to-date line of spring and summer millinery. Our pretty, ready-to-wear hats are now ready for you and we will make a display of our beautiful patterns on Saturday, March 25th. Do not fail to see our stylish hats before purchasing elsewhere. We also have some pretty sun bonnets for you, to keep off the March winds and frocks. EARLES & LESLIE, Morley.

FOR RENT.—A farm of 120 acres, about a mile west of Cary and three miles northeast of Blodgett. Will rent part or all of it. Would like to have the one who rents it build a mile of fence. Apply at once to W. J. Worsley, Commerce, Mo. 16-31

I have farms for sale of various sizes in Scott county near Illinois, Kelso, New Hamburg, Oren, Morley, Benton, Cary, Blodgett, Dickson and Commerce. If you have any real

estate to dispose of pace it with me. If you want to buy, address:

19 D. H. HARPER, Benton, Mo.

I have a good fresh milk cow for sale—weighs about 1,100 pounds. In good condition. J. H. McLennan, Oren, Mo.

Bailed No. 1 timothy and clover hay for sale by Louis Pfefferkorn.

PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell, at my place, two miles southeast of Kelso, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1905

One horse, a mule, 33 head of cattle, 20 head of full stock Poland-China hogs, 2 farm wagons, spring wagon, road wagon, 2-horse buggy, two McCormick binders, two mowers, two wheat drills, hay loader, hay rake, cultivators, riding plow, other plows section harrow, Acme harrow, other farm implements, 400 bushels corn and 500 bales good timothy hay.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$5 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of six months will be given, the purchaser to give 6 per cent note with approved security. No interest will be charged if promptly paid at maturity.

PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell, at my place, 1½ miles southeast of Kelso, on the Commerce road, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1905.

Two mules, ten head of cattle, two milch cows, a wagon, hay rake, binder, mower, grain drill, 3-section harrow, 3-horse plow, 2-horse plow, 7-inch plows, two double-shovel plows and many other articles. Also 200 bushels of corn, 6,000 lbs. of timothy hay, and household and kitchen furniture.

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